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- 1. DURING CONVERSATION JAN 8 SOVIET MIN-COUNS OVINNIKOV ASKED AMB SCHAUFELE IF US PLANNED SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON KOREA. HE POINTED OUT THAT GA RES 3333 WAS CO-SPONSORED BY US AND HE WONDERED WHAT US HAD IN MIND.
- 2. SCHAUFELE REPLIED THAT IN LARGE MEASURE WHAT SC DID ON KOREAN QUESTION WOULD DEPEND UPON WHAT AGREEMENTS PARTIES TO ARMISTICE COULD ACHIEVE. IN HIS OPINION THE QUESTION OF UN COMMAND COULD NOT BE RESOLVED IN SC BUT SC COULD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE PARTIES AND SIGNATORIES TO THE ARMISTICE.
- 3. OVINNIKOV REFERRED TO FACT THAT RES ESTABLISHED ON UN COMMAND WAS IN THE SOVIET VIEW ILLEGAL. SCHAUFELE RESPONDED BY POINTING OUT THAT CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS ALSO CONSIDERED THAT RES ILLEGAL BUT BOTH HAD SIGNED AN ARMISTICE WITH UN COMMAND WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THIS "ILLEGAL" RES OF THE SC. THEREFORE IT WAS INCONSISTENT TO TAKE REFUGE IN CONTENTION THAT RES WAS ILLEGAL.

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4. SUBJECT WAS LEFT AT THIS POINT BUT SCHAUFELE HAD DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS, UNDER THE ASSUMPTION BASIC QUESTION IS POLITICAL AND NOT LEGAL, HAVE NO STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT HOW SC HANDLES QUESTION OF KOREA. IF CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS AGREE TO SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD BE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS. BENNETT

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